

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

5 1) A terrarium adapted to be immersed in an aquarium containing water,
the terrarium comprising:

 a) a shaft means having a first end and second end; and

10 b) a receptacle defining at least one wall, the at least one wall
 having a length, presenting at least one opening, an air exhaust
 and an interior;

 wherein the receptacle is connected to the shaft means at the first end;

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 wherein the shaft means at the second end is adapted to anchor the
 receptacle in the aquarium; and

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 wherein the interior of the receptacle is adapted to receive air from an air
 supply means so as to define a dry zone in the interior.

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2) A terrarium as claimed in claim 1, wherein the opening is disposed
 such that the opening permits entry into the interior of the receptacle
 along substantially the length of the at least one wall.

3) A terrarium as claimed in claim 2, wherein the air supply means and air
 exhaust are adapted to create an airflow in the interior of the
 receptacle, and wherein the airflow exits the receptacle by means of
 the air exhaust.

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4) A terrarium as claimed in claim 3, wherein the shaft means defines an
 air passageway therethrough.

- 5) A terrarium as claimed in claim 4, wherein the shaft means extends through the interior of the receptacle.
- 5 6) A terrarium as claimed in claim 5, wherein the air exhaust is defined by:
- a) at least one first aperture provided by the shaft means adjacent to the opening of the receptacle, the first aperture communicating with the air passageway;
- 10 b) at least one second aperture provided by the shaft means adjacent to the first end of the shaft, the second aperture communicating with the air passageway and the aquarium;
- 15 wherein the airflow passes from the interior of the receptacle through the first aperture and through the air passageway out of the second aperture.
- 7) A terrarium as claimed in claim 6, wherein the shaft means comprises a wall, and said at least one first aperture comprises a plurality of slots disposed on the wall of the shaft means adjacent to the opening.
- 20 8) A terrarium as claimed in claim 7, further comprising an anchor means at the second end of the shaft means.
- 25 9) A terrarium as claimed in claim 8, wherein the aquarium comprises a base and the anchor means comprises a weight adjacent to the second end of the shaft means, said weight being adapted to anchor the terrarium to the base of the aquarium.
- 30 10) A terrarium as claimed in claims 8, wherein the anchor means further comprises a fastening means adapted to fasten the terrarium at the second end of the shaft means to the base of the aquarium.

11) A terrarium as claimed in claims 8, wherein said anchor means comprises at least one projecting member adjacent to the second end of the shaft means, the projecting member projecting from the axis of the shaft means and being adapted to anchor the terrarium in a material provided at the base of the aquarium.

12) A terrarium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the material comprises pebbles or sand, or pebbles and sand.

13) A terrarium adapted to be immersed in an aquarium containing water, the terrarium comprising:

- a) A hollow shaft having a lower end and an upper end; and
- b) A receptacle having an interior and defining at least one surface having:
 - i) A lower edge defining at least one opening to said interior; and
 - ii) An upper edge connected to said upper end of said hollow shaft, so as to define an air exhaust;

wherein the interior of said receptacle is adapted to receive air from an air supply means so as to define a dry zone in the interior;

and wherein said hollow shaft includes an aperture adjacent to said lower end for communicating air from said interior to said air exhaust.

14) A terrarium as claimed in claim 13, wherein said lower end of said hollow shaft is adapted to anchor said receptacle in said aquarium.

- 15) A terrarium as claimed in claim 2, wherein the shaft means adjacent to the second end includes a plurality of interconnecting sections.
- 16) A terrarium as claimed in claim 15, wherein the interconnecting sections are stackable thereby permitting the height of the terrarium to be varied by adding or removing one or more of the interconnecting sections.
- 17) A terrarium as claimed in claim 2, wherein the receptacle further defines a hollow section disposed substantially centrally.
- 18) A terrarium as claimed in claim 17, wherein the air exhaust is disposed in the hollow section, above the bottom of the at least one wall having a length, thus defining the dry zone.
- 19) A method of installing a terrarium in an aquarium containing water, said terrarium presenting a hollow shaft having a lower end and an upper end, said upper end connected to a dome defining an interior and lower edge, comprising the steps of:
- a) Anchoring said lower end of said hollow shaft to said aquarium;
 - b) Introducing air from an air supply means to the interior of said dome adjacent to said lower edge, so as to define a dry zone in said dome;
 - c) Exhausting said air from said dome through a first aperture adjacent to said lower end of said hollow shaft and out through said upper end of said hollow shaft to said water in said aquarium.